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To the Drawings:

Please replace figures 3, 4B and 6 with the drawings attached hereto. Specifically, the descriptive labels in figure 3 have been provided. The spelling error in the two labels of figure 4B has been corrected from "calobration" to "calibration". In addition, the phrase "turn of" in step S2 depicted in figure 6 has been amended to "turn off", while the space between "a" and "fter" in step S4 of figure 6 has been deleted.

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REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

It is noted with appreciation that previous objections to the declaration, the drawings, and claim 3 have been withdrawn. The 112 rejections of claims 1, 6-8, and 10 have been overcome as well. However, in view of new grounds of rejection, claims 1-3, 5-6, and 9-10 have been again rejected.

In this outstanding Office action dated November 6, 2007, FIGs. 3, 4B and 6 as well as the disclosure are objected to because of certain informalities. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d) and correction of the specification are accordingly required for fear of abandonment of the application. Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 8 have also been objected to on account of some minor mistakes.

The Office action has rejected claims 1-3, 5-6, and 9-10 under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applicant's admitted prior art (Background of the Invention, pages 1-3, and Figure 1B; hereinafter "AAPA") in view of Walker (USPN 6,154,158; hereinafter "Walker") and Burgin (USPN 6,298,096; hereafter "Burgin"), whereas claims 7 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response thereto, Applicant has corrected the drawings, the specification, and the claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 8 to overcome the objections thereto. Specifically, the descriptive labels in figure 3 have been provided. Figure 3 is disclosed in US Patent "6,169,463", and Applicant has

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added the descriptive labels in figures 3 to overcome the objection of figure 3. It is believed that the amendment of figure 3 does not add any new matter, since figure 3 is disclosed in US Patent "6,169,463".

Figure 4B has been revised by correcting the spelling error in the two labels from "calobration" to "calibration". In addition, the phrase "turn of" has been revised to "turn off" in step S2 depicted in figure 6, while the space between "a" and "fter" in step S4 depicted in figure 6 has been deleted. The specification and the claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 8 are revised in full accordance with the Examiner's instruction provided in the outstanding Office action.

Applicant has also amended independent claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 by incorporating the allowable subject matter in claim 7 thereinto, so as to render the 103 rejections moot. Claims 6-7 have been accordingly been canceled. Claims 3, 5 and 8 depending upon the allowable claim 2 should also be patentable as a matter of law.

No new matter has been introduced by way of the proposed amendments, and after entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-3, 5, and 8-10 remain pending in the present application and are placed in proper condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the present invention and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims 1-3, 5-6, and 8-10 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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